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SUBJECT: ECE - HOUSING, BUILDING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE,
GENEVA, SEPTEMBER 9 TO 13, 1974

REF: GERTMENIAN - MCCORD TELECON SEPTEMBER 9.

1. FOLLOWING IS FORMAL INVITATION FOR SEMINAR ON URBAN
TRANSPORTATION FROM DOT FOR DELIVERY TO ECE QUOTE: MR.
JANEZ STANOVNIK, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, ECONOMIC COMMISSION
FOR EUROPE, PALAIS DES NATIONS, CH-1211 GENEVA 10 SWITZER-
LAND, DEAR MR. STANOVNIK: IT IS WITH PLEASURE THAT I EX-
TEND AN INVITATION TO THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, BUILDING
AND PLANNING OF THE ECE TO HOLD THEIR 1976 SEMINAR ON
URBAN TRANSPORTATION IN THE UNITED STATES. THE DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND ADVISED BY THE DEPARTMENT
OF STATE WILL SPONSOR THIS IMPORTANT EVENT. THE TWO WEEK
SEMINAR AND STUDY TOUR, PLANNED AS PART OF THE U.S.
BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, WILL BE HELD BETWEEN APRIL 10 AND
MAY 30, 1976. THE EXACT, INCLUSIVE DATES WILL, OF COURSE,
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BE DECIDED BY THE COMMITTEE AFTER REVIEWING ALL SCHEDULING

CONSIDERATIONS.

I HAVE ASKED MR. JOHN E. HIRTEN, DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR,
URBAN MASS TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTRATION TO COORDINATE THE

DETAILS OF THIS PROGRAM WITH MR. REINER OF YOUR OFFICE.

I HOPE THAT YOU AND THE COMMITTEE WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT
OUR INVITATION TO HOLD A SEMINAR IN THE U.S. ON A
SUBJECT THAT IS OF SUCH VITAL CONCERN TO US ALL. SINCERE-
LY, SIGNED JOHN W. BARNUM, UNDER SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTA-
TION. END QUOTE ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED.

2. TIMING OF SEMINAR. PLEASE INVESTIGATE WITH REINER
THE POSSIBILITY FOR HOLDING SEMINAR AND STUDY TOUR WITHIN
TIME FRAME PROPOSED AND ENCOURAGE HIM TO ACCEPT THIS TIM-
ING. WE ARE NOW AWARE OF ECE PLENARY SCHEDULED FOR MAY
10-21, 1976 WHICH WOULD PRESUMABLY PRECLUDE PERIOD
IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO VANCOUVER CONFERENCE - EXPOSITION
MAY 31-JUNE 11, 1976. AS ABSOLUTE FALLBACK POSITION YOU
MAY RELUCTANTLY ACCEPT JUNE 14-26 AS DATES FOR SEMINAR
AND STUDY TOUR. ANY TIME LATER THAN THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE.
IF ECE INSISTS ON SCHEDULING LATER IN YEAR, YOU SHOULD
WITHDRAW OFFER UNTIL DOT CAN STUDY MATTER FURTHER AND
MAKE NEW PROPOSAL. AMONG OTHER REASONS FOR DESIRING
EARLIER DATES, HOTEL SPACE IN WASHINGTON WILL BE EXTREME-
LY TIGHT AS BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS GET UNDERWAY.

3. TRANSPORTATION. ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR THEIR OWN INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS. DOT WILL TAKE
CARE OF DOMESTIC U.S. TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE
STUDY TOUR AND RETURN TO EAST COAST OR TO SOME OTHER
APPROPRIATE EXIT POINT DEPENDING ON WHERE THE TOUR ENDS.
DOT ALSO PLANNING TO SET UP BUS SERVICE FROM HOTELS TO
STATE DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE SITE DURING PERIOD IN WASHING-
TON.

4. PER DIEM AND OTHER COSTS. DOT PROPOSES TO CHARGE A
FLAT FEE FOR THE SEMINAR AND STUDY TOUR OF SO MUCH PER
PERSON PER WEEK, THE RATE TO BE SET SUBSEQUENTLY. EACH
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PARTICIPANT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COSTS OF HIS HOTEL
ROOMS AND MEALS DURING THE SEMINAR AND STUDY TOUR. WE
WOULD EXPECT THAT SOME MEALS WOULD BE PROVIDED IN THE
COURSE OF NORMAL SOCIAL EVENTS.

5. PLEASE EMPHASIZE THAT ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE BY DOT
ARE SIMILAR TO THOSE UNDERTAKEN BY THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT
FOR THE ECE SEMINAR ON THE ROLE OF TRANSPORTATION IN URBAN

PLANNING DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT HELD IN MUNICH
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